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The following information was obtained in Yugoslavia from an [REDACTED] informant and an engineer of the Bor copper mines:

1. A great number of workers inducted for compulsory labor left their work and disappeared during the Fall of 1949. Most of these desertions occurred on the construction of the automobile highway from Zagreb to Belgrade and in mines.
2. The number of laborers who deserted the highway construction is estimated at 20,000. A managing official said that 21,800 new workers had to be employed to replace the deserters. The desertions are believed to be the result of Cominform propaganda.

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